

Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development Harrisburg, PA

Project Title Family Savings Account IDA Program

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Grant Amount \$826,000

Nonfederal Support \$903,546

Description

Project Period September 2004 – September 2009

Highlights Pennsylvania's Family Savings Account IDA Program will expand its

existing AFI-supported Statewide IDA program to add an estimated 754 participants during 2004 and 2005. The goals of the program are to increase small business startups, first-time home purchases, and post-secondary educational opportunities by offering IDAs and other supportive services. The program will match participant savings at a rate of \$1 to \$1 up to a maximum of \$2,000 over a two-year savings

period.

Target Population Low-income families in Pennsylvania, targeting clients of the 42

agencies in 62 counties currently offering IDA services, as well as expanding to serve clients of 3 more agencies located in two counties

not currently served by the program.

Grantee/Collaborative The Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic

Development, Office of Community Services administers Community Service Block Grants, the Weatherization Assistance Program, and the Neighborhood Assistance tax credit program. The agency also offers the Family Savings Account Program (FSA) and the Supported

Work Program.

The FSA program is currently administered through 42 nonprofit providers in 62 counties but will expand under this new grant to 45 agencies in 64 counties. Other partners for the Family Savings Account IDA Program include 47 financial institutions and 9 credit

unions.